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By the Mayor.

To the Aldermen of the
Ward of *St. Margarete*

Wardmote.

Inquest for the
year.

Inquest dying.

Non-appearance.

Watch, Light,
Wizard.

Common-Coun-
cil.



Echarge and command you, that upon Saint Thomas Day the Apostle next coming, you do hold your Wardmote, and that you have afore us at our general Court of Aldermen to be holden ~~at Guild-~~
~~hal~~ the Monday next after the feast of the Epiphany next coming, all the Defaults that shall be presented afore you by the Inquest in the said Wardmote; and the said Inquest shall have full power and authority by one whole year to enquire and present all such Defaults as shall be found within your said Ward, as oftentimes as shall be thought to you expedient and needful, which we will shall be once every month at the least.

2. And if it happen any of your said Inquest to die, or depart out of your said Ward within the said year, that then, in place of him or them so dying or departing out of your said Ward, you cause to be chosen one able person in his stead to enquire and present with the other in manner and form abovesaid.

3. And that, at the said general Court, you give afore us the Names and Surnames of all them of your said Ward that come not to your said Wardmote, if they be duly warned, so that due redress and punishment of them may be had, as the cause shall require, according to the Law.

4. And that you do provide, that at all times convenient, a sufficient Watch be kept of the full number required by the Act of Common Council: And that good and sufficient Lights be hanged forth: And that no man go by Nighttail without Light, nor with Wizard, on the peril that belongeth thereto.

5. And also that you do cause to be chosen ~~Croft~~ men, of the most sufficient, honest and discreet men of your said Ward, to be for your said Ward of the Common Council of this City for the year ensuing according to the Custom in that behalf yearly used. And also that you do cause the said men, so to be chosen to be of the Common Council, to be sworn before you, and in your presence, according to the Oath by them used, and of old time accustomed; the Tenor of which Oath hereafter ensueth:

Ye shall swear, That ye shall be true to our Sovereign Lord and Lady the KING and QUEEN that now are, and readily come when ye be summoned to the Common Council of this City, but if ye be reasonably excused; and good and true Counsel ye shall give in all things touching the Common-Weal of this City, after your wit and cunning: And that for favour of any man ye shall maintain no singular profit against the common profit of this City: And after that ye be come to the Common Council, ye shall not from thence depart, till the common Council be ended, without reasonable cause be else by the Mayor's Licence: And also that all secret things that be spoken or said in the Common Council, the which ought to be kept secret, ye shall in no wise disclose. As God you help.

And that together with the said Oath of their Office, you administer to the said Persons that shall be chosen of the Common-Council, the Oaths following:

I A. B. do sincerely promise and swear, That I will be faithful, and bear true Allegiance to their Majesties King WILLIAM and Queen MARY. So help me God, &c.

I A. B. do swear, That I do from my heart abhor, detest, and abjure, as impious and Heretical, that Damnable Doctrin and Position, That Princes Excommunicated or Deprived by the Pope, or any Authority of the See of ROME, may be Deposited or Murthered by their Subjects, or any other whatsoever.

And I do declare, That no Foreign Prince, Person, Prelate, State, or Potentate, hath, or ought to have any Jurisdiction, Power, Superiority, Preminence, or Authority Ecclesiastical, or Spiritual within this Realm. So help me God, &c.

Constables.
Scavengers.
Beadle.
Raker.

Roll of names.

Constables.

Roll.

Inn-holder.
Lodger.
Sojourner.

Suspect persons.

Search.

Frank-pledge.

Beadle.

Stocks: &c.

Fire.

Streets.

Hucksters of Ale
and Beer.

Measures sealed:

Strangers born.

And that you certify me the names of all such elected Common Council Men, as shall not have taken the said Oathes, at your Wardmote.

6. And that also in the said Wardmote you cause to be chosen certain other honest persons to be Constables and Scavengers, and a common Beadle, and a Raker to make clean all the Streets and Lanes of your said Ward, according to the Custom yearly used in that behalf: Provided, if any persons keeping a common Alehouse or Victualling-house happen to be chosen Constable, that then upon their admittance to that Office you forthwith cause their Licenses to be taken away, or else if they desire it, you may admit them to fine for that office.

7. Also that you keep a Roll of the Names, Surnames, Dwelling places, Professions and Trades of all Persons dwelling within your Ward, and within what Constables Precinct they dwell, wherein the place is to be specially noted by Street, Lane, Alley or Sign.

8. Also that you cause every Constable from time to time, to certify unto you the Name, Surname, Dwelling-place, Profession and Trade of every person who shall newly come to dwell within his Precinct, whereby you may make and keep your Roll perfect; and that you cause every constable for his Precinct, to that purpose, to make and keep a perfect Roll in like manner.

9. Also that you give special charge, that every Inn-holder and other person within your Ward, who shall receive any person to lodge or sojourn in his house above two days, shall before the third day after his coming thither, give knowledge to the Constable of the Precinct where he shall be so received, of the Name, Surname, Dwelling-place, Profession and Trade of like, or place of service of such person, and for what cause he shall come to reside there; and that the said Constable give present notice thereof to you; and that the said Inn-holder lodge no suspected person, or Men or Women of evil Name.

10. Also that you cause every Constable within his precinct, once every Month at the least, and oftner, if need require, to make diligent search and inquiry what persons be newly come into his Precinct to dwell, sojourn or lodge; and that you give special charge, that no Inn-holder or person shall resist or deny any Constable in making such search or inquiry, but shall do his best endeavone to aid and assist him therein.

11. And for that of late there is more resort to the City of persons evil-affected in Religion and otherwise, than in former times hath been; you shall diligently inquire if any man be received to dwell or abide within your Ward that is not put under Frank-pledge, as he ought to be by the custom of the City; and whether any person hath continued in the said Ward by the space of one year, being above the age of twelve years, and not sworn to be faithful and loyal to the Kings Majesty, in such sort as by the Law and Custom of this City he ought to be.

12. To all these purposes the Beadle of every Ward shall employ his diligence, and give his best furtherance.

13. Also you are to take order, that there be provided and set up a pair of Stocks and a Whipping-Post in some convenient place in every Parish within your Ward, for the punishing of Wagrants and other Offenders.

14. Also that you have special regard, that from time to time there be convenient provision for Hooks, Ladders, Buckets, Spouts and Engines, in meet places within the several Parishes of your Ward, for avoiding the peril of fire.

15. Also that the Streets and Lanes of this City be from time to time kept clean before every Church, House, Shop, Ware-house, Door, Dead-Wall, and in all other common Passages and Streets of the said Ward.

16. Also that no person keep an Ale-House or Victualling-house, or sell Beer or Ale by retail within your Ward, that is not free of this City, and not Licensed at the Sessions according to the Statute and Custom of this City: And that the said Victuallers and Alehouse-keepers keep no Bawdry, nor suffer no Lechery, Dice-playing, Carding, or any other unlawful Games to be done, exercised or used within their houses; and that they shut in their Doors at nine of the Clock at Night from Michaelmas to Easter, and from Easter to Michaelmas at Ten of the Clock at Night, and after that hour sell no Ale or Beer: Also that they suffer no manner of common eating and drinking within their Cellars or Vaults, contrary to the Ordinance thereon ordained and provided: And those that shall be found offending in any of the said particulars, that you cause every of them to be Presented.

17. And also that ye see all Capiers, and others sellers of Ale, or Beer, as well priby Otteries, as Brewers and Inn-holders, within your Ward, not selling by lawful Measures sealed and marked with the City Arms or Dagger, be Presented, and their names in your said Indentures be expessed, with their Desaults, so that the Chamberlain may be lawfully answered of their Amercements.

18. And also that you suffer no Alien, or Son of any born an Alien, to be of the Common-Council, nor to exercise or use any other Office within this City, nor receive or accept any person into your Watch priby or open, but Englishmen born: and if any Stranger born out of this Realm, made Denizen by Letters Patents, or any other after his course and lot be appointed to any Watch, that then ye command and compel him or them to find in his stead and place an Englishman to supply the same.

Affize of Billets. 19. And also that you cause an abstract of the Affize appointed by Act of Parliament for Billets and other fire-wood, to be fair written in Parchment, and to be fixed or hanged up in a Table in some fit and convenient place in the Parish within your Ward, where the common People may best see the same; That is to say, Every Billet shall contain in length three Foot four Inches, and every Billet named a single, shall contain in compass (being round boled) seven Inches and an half; and no single to be made or marked out of Cleft-wood: And every Billet marked one, commonly called a Cast, to contain in compass (being round) eleven Inches; and half-round thirteen Inches: And being quarter-cleft, to contain in compass twelve Inches and an half: And every Billet marked two, commonly called Two Cast, to contain in compass (being round) sixteen Inches, and half-round nineteen Inches; and being quarter-cleft, to contain in compass eighteen Inches and an half; And all Faggots shall contain in compass (besides the Knot of the Bond) twenty four Inches; And every Faggot-stick or Bend within the said Bond to contain in length full three Foot, except only one Stick or Bend to be one Foot long, to stop or harden the binding thereof.

Streets.
Pain 40s.

20. And furthermore, we charge and command you, that you cause such provision to be had in your said Ward, that all the Streets and Lanes within the same Ward be from time to time cleansed and clearly voided of Ordure, Dung, Mire, Rubbish and other filthy things whatsoever be to the annoyance of the Kings Majesties Subjects: and that no Ashes or Dirt be thrown or swept into the Chanele to choak the Common Sewers, and the River of Thames.

Vagrants.

21. And also that all times as you shall think necessary, you do cause search to be made within your said Ward for all vagrant Beggers, suspicious and idle People, and such as cannot shew how to live; and such as shall be found within your said Ward, that you cause to be punished and dealt with according to the Laws and Statutes in such case ordained and provided.

Jury-men.

22. And also we will and charge you the several Jury-men, that your self certifie and present before us at the said general Court, to be holden on the aforesaid Monday next after the feaste of the Epiphany, all the Names and Surnames truly written of such persons within your said Ward as be able to pass in a Grand Jury by themselves: And also all the Names and Surnames truly written of such Persons being and dwelling within your said Ward, as be able to pass in a Petty Jury by themselves: That is to say, Every Grand Jury-man to be worth in Goods an hundred Marks, and every Petty-Jury-man forty Marks, according to an Act in that case ordained and provided; and the same you shall indorse on the backside of your Indenture. Your care herein is expressly desired, being of very great moment as to the administration of Justice in the Courts of Law within this City.

Harlots.

23. Item, for divers reasonable and urgent considerations us especially moving, we freightly charge and command you on the King our Sovereign Lords behalfe, That you diligently provide and foresee, that no manner of person or persons within your said Ward, what condition or degrée soever he or they be of, keeping any Tavern or Ale-house, Ale-cellier, or any other Victualling-house, or place of common resort to eat or drink in within the same Ward, permit or suffer at any time hereafter any common Woman of their bodies, or Harlots, to resort and come into their said house, or other the places aforesaid, to eat or drink, or otherwise to be conversant or abide, or thither to haunt or frequent, upon pain of Imprisonment as well of the Tenant and Renter of every such house or houses, and all other the places aforesayd, as of the common Woman or Harlots.

Articles.

24. Also that you do give in charge to the Wardmote Inquest of your Ward all the Articles delivered to you herewith, and that you have a special care of keeping the peace and good order during your Wardmote; and if any offend herein, you fine or punish him or them according to Law.

25. And whereas the moneys received for the fines of persons refusing to hold Ward Offices within your Ward, ought to be employed in the service and for the publick benefit of the whole Ward, and not of any particular Precinct or Parish within the Ward: These are therefore to require you to take care, that all such fines be from time to time disposed of accordingly for the benefit of the whole Ward, as you with the Deputy and Common-Council-Men of your Ward, shall think most fitting and convenient: And that no such fines be received or employed in any particular Precinct or Parish.

Not failing hereof, as ye tender the Common-weal of this City, and advancement of good Justice, and as ye will answer for the contrary at your utmost peril. Dated at
Green Hall — under the Seal of the Office of Mayoralty of the said City, the
day of December, in the *Third* year of the Reign of our Sovereign Lord and Lady,
WILLIAM and MARY by the Grace of God, King and Queen of England, Scotland,
France and Ireland, Defenders of the faith, &c.